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1. FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS PREPARED FOR ANSWER TO

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QUERY ONLY AND AMPLIFIES PREVIOUS GUIDANCE IN REFS:

2. Q. HAS THE DELIVERY OF AMMO FOR ETHIOPIA BEGUN?

A. THE DELIVERY OF UP TO 7 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF MUNITIONS FOR ETHIOPIA, WHICH WAS ANNOUNCED ON MARCH 17, IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON APRIL 18 WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST PLANE-LOAD AT BOLE AIRPORT NEAR ADDIS ABABA.

Q. WHAT TYPE AMMUNITION IS INVOLVED?

A. VARIOUS TYPES OF SMALL ARMS AND OTHER CONVENTIONAL MUNITIONS ARE INCLUDED IN THE RESUPPLY EFFORT.

Q. HOW IS THIS AMMUNITION BEING PAID FOR?

A. ALL DELIVERIES ARE PROVIDED ON A FOREIGN MILITARY SALES CASH BASIS.

Q. HOW MUCH ACTUAL AMMUNITION WILL BE DELIVERED AND HOW LONG WILL THE AIRLIFT LAST?

A. IT IS NOT KNOWN HOW LONG IT WILL LAST AS NEITHER THE FINAL AMOUNT NOR THE MIX BETWEEN AIR AND SEA SHIPMENTS HAS YET BEEN DETERMINED.

Q. WHEN DO YOU EXPECT THE FIRST SEA SHIPMENT TO ARRIVE?

A. IN LATE MAY OR JUNE.

Q. WHAT AIRCRAFT ARE BEING USED?

A. MILITARY TRANSPORTS.

Q. WHY MILITARY?

A. USE OF COMMERCIAL CHARTER FLIGHTS PROVED TO BE NOT FEASIBLE.

2. REQUEST ADDRESSEES ADVISE WHEN AND IF IT IS FOUND NECESSARY TO PROVIDE ABOVE ANSWERS TO NEWSMEDIA. KISSINGER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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